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Economic Development

Resources for Richland County

U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program
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 Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program
 Accommodation & Food Service, and Construction.⁴

Health Care & Social Assistance was Richland County's number one industry subsector in terms of employment for 2005. Other significant subsectors included Retail Trade,

Oil production and agriculture are widely recognized as two of the staples of Richland County's economy. Much of Richland County is located in the Williston Oil Basin, and oil pumping and exploration takes place throughout the area. The confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers lies close to Richland County, creating a 75-mile-long irrigated valley in which grains, sugar beets, corn, beans, and hay are produced.² The town of Fairview is known as the "Sugar Beet Capital," of both Montana and North Dakota (since the state line divides the town between the two states).³

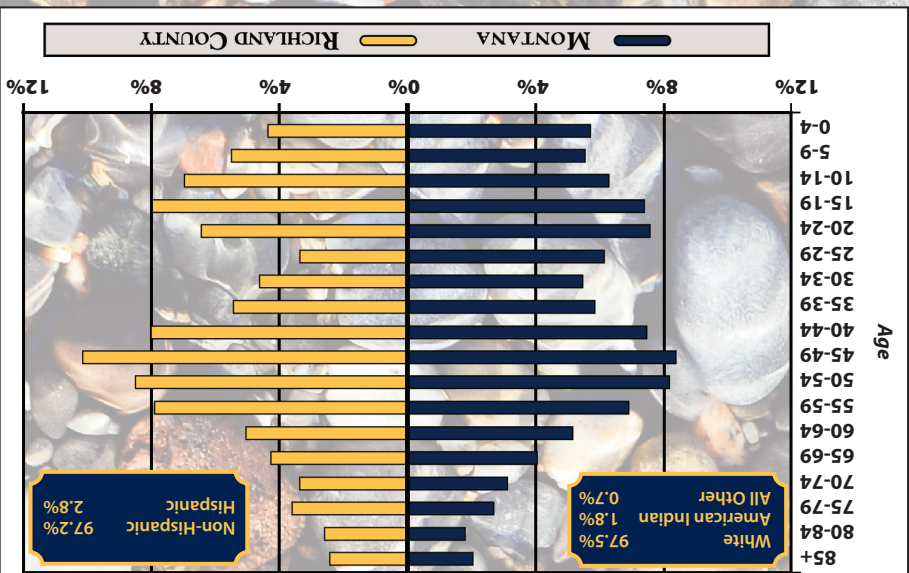
Richland County is Montana's twenty-second most populous county, with an estimated 9,096 residents in 2005. Sidney, the county seat, is the state's eighteenth largest city, with a population estimated at 4,470 in 2005.¹ Other cities and towns in Richland County include Crane, Fairview, Lambert, and Savage.



Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment			
Richland County <i>Montana</i> U.S.	Less than High School Diploma	16.5%	12.8%
	High School Diploma (or equivalent)	35.4%	31.3%
	Some College	24.4%	25.6%
	Associate Degree	6.5%	5.9%
	Bachelor's Degree	14.1%	17.2%
	Master's Degree	1.7%	4.6%
	Professional Degree	0.8%	1.7%
	Doctoral Degree	0.7%	0.9%
		19.6%	1.0%

Highest Level of Educational Attainment



Distribution of Population by Age

	Census	Total Population				
		Estimates				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
	Richland County	9,667	9,443	9,273	9,175	9,077
	Fairview	709	692	679	670	660
	Sidney	4,774	4,659	4,575	4,522	4,464
	Balance of Richland County	4,184	4,092	4,019	3,983	3,953

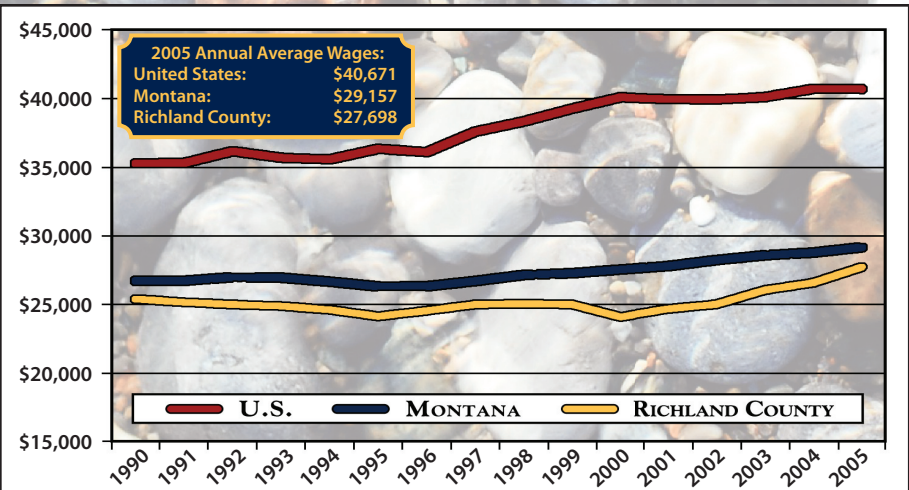
Population for Richland County & Related Areas

Annual Average Labor Force - Richland County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	5,186	5,012	174	3.4%
2004	4,944	4,773	171	3.5%
2003	4,676	4,471	205	4.4%
2002	4,808	4,563	245	5.1%
2001	4,742	4,516	226	4.8%
2000	4,978	4,717	261	5.2%

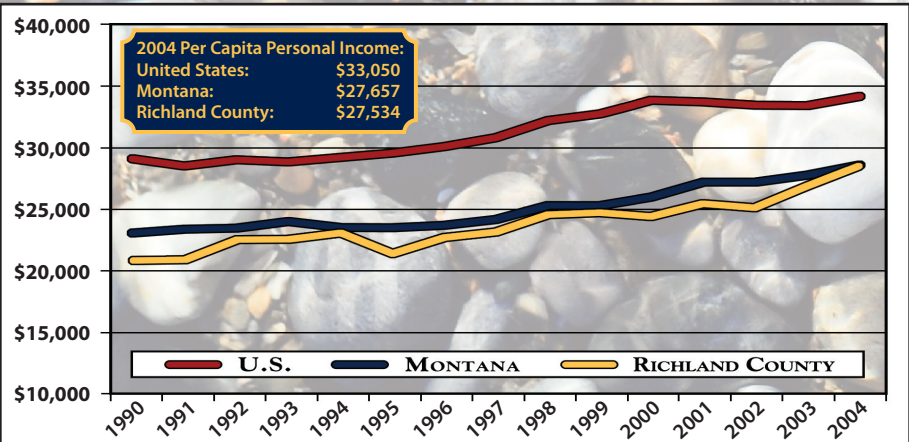
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Demographic & Economic Information for

Richland County



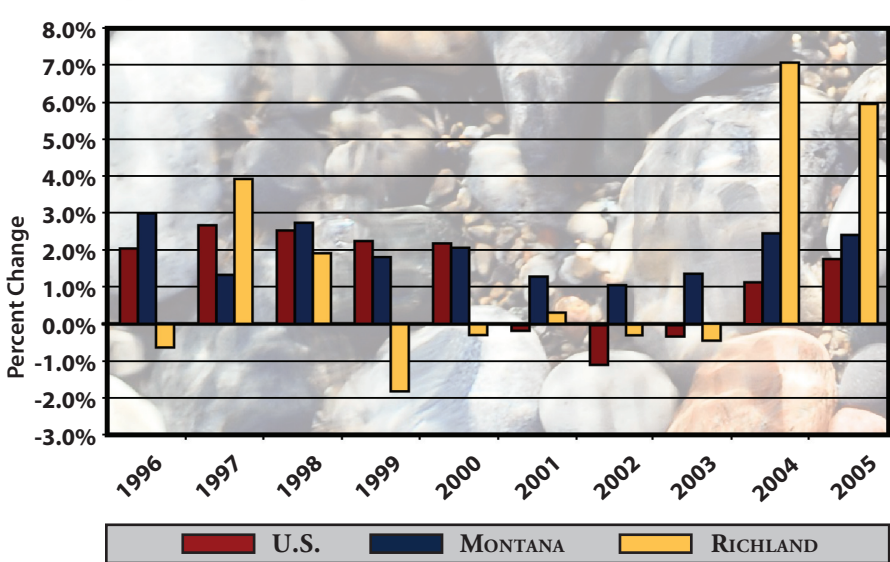
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Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005
U.S., Montana, and Richland County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Richland County
(Based on 3rd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Bob's Pickup & Delivery	5	Mitchell's Oil Field Service	5
Caza Drilling	5	Pepsi-Cola Bottling	4
Cyclone Drilling	5	Sidney Health Center	7
Franz Construction	5	Sidney Sugars	6
Key Rocky Mountain	5	Valley View IGA	5

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Richland County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	587
Land in farms (acres)	1,201,436
Average size of farms (acres)	2,047
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	322
1,000 acres or more	265
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	445
\$100,000 or more	142
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	506
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	81

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	64,689
Hogs and pigs	120
Sheep and lambs	7,010
Horses and ponies	1,115
Bison	109
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1,907
Corn for silage or greenchop	5,536
Wheat for grain, All	138,670
Winter wheat for grain	3,475
Durum wheat for grain	20,699
Spring wheat for grain	114,496
Barley for grain	14,494
Oats for grain	3,871
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	55,191

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	396
Other	191
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	428
Not on farm operated	159
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	119
10 years or more	468
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	324
55 years and over	263
Average age of operators: (number)	55.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Richland County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	472	4380	\$27,698
TOTAL PRIVATE	434	3702	\$27,571
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	7	50	\$18,577
Crop production	2	*	*
Animal production	4	34	\$19,363
Agriculture & forestry support	1	*	*
MINING	32	326	\$53,258
Oil and gas extraction	7	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	24	274	\$51,466
UTILITIES	6	53	\$63,152
CONSTRUCTION	50	389	\$35,807
Construction of buildings	12	63	\$21,847
Heavy and civil engineering construction	13	141	\$38,553
Specialty trade contractors	25	186	\$38,444
MANUFACTURING	9	333	\$30,600
Food manufacturing	3	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	24	127	\$27,319
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	5	30	\$43,774
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	15	74	\$21,264
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	23	\$25,518
RETAIL TRADE	57	518	\$21,316
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	11	103	\$28,775
Furniture and home furnishings stores	2	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	5	35	\$20,125
Building material & garden supply stores	8	44	\$22,217
Food and beverage stores	4	90	\$15,909
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	93	\$14,435
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	3	7	\$7,305
General merchandise stores	4	70	\$21,355
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	11	\$8,923
Nonstore retailers	5	26	\$43,216
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	25	213	\$41,413
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	17	189	\$44,463

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Transit and ground passenger transport	5	11	\$9,475
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
INFORMATION	10	58	\$26,003
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	4	18	\$45,075
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	19	96	\$30,753
Credit intermediation & related activity	5	53	\$34,822
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	6	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	7	29	\$19,292
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	1	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	13	56	\$20,490
Real estate	8	*	*
Rental and leasing services	4	47	\$19,808
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	47	140	\$33,498
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	11	34	\$23,152
Administrative and support services	9	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	2	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4	5	\$2,853
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	31	639	\$23,832
Ambulatory health care services	19	83	\$28,041
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	9	61	\$15,785
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	13	78	\$12,017
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	12	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	37	445	\$8,521
Accommodation	4	63	\$7,451
Food services and drinking places	33	381	\$8,698
OTHER SERVICES	42	143	\$13,612
Repair and maintenance	15	41	\$22,249
Personal and laundry services	6	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	19	78	\$7,838
Private households	2	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	39	678	\$28,393
Local Government	17	539	\$25,149
State Government	12	34	\$31,941
Federal Government	10	105	\$43,838

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)